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## NOTICE OF RECEIPT REQUEST TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP for the SEGS VIII Project (88-AFC-1C)

On May 30, 2018, Luz Partners Ltd., VIII, filed a petition with the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) requesting to transfer ownership for the SEGS VIII Project from Luz Partners Ltd., VIII, to Terra-Gen, LLC. The 80-megawatt facility was certified by the Energy Commission in its Decision on March 29, 1989, and began commercial operation in December, 1989. The facility is located near Hinkley in San Bernardino County, California.

The request would transfer responsibility for compliance with Conditions of Certification to Terra-Gen Operating Compant II, LLC (Terra-Gen Operator). A statement describing the change in ownership, signed under penalty of perjury by a representative of Terra-Gen Operator, was submitted as required by Title 20, California Code of Regulations, section 1769(b). The statement affirms that the new owner agrees to be bound by the requirements of the Energy Commission's Decision for the project and understands the obligations imposed by the Conditions of Certification. The Energy Commission may approve changes of ownership after a 14-day public notice.

The Petition requesting the transfer of ownership is available on the Energy Commission's webpage for this facility at <u>http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/pre1999\_page/index.php?xkm=ajdkha2385duhka</u> <u>sd164dsasjd5598fhajkhs</u>. This Notice of Receipt is being mailed to interested parties and property owners adjacent to the facility site who may want to submit comments.

Any person may comment on the petition. To use the Energy Commission's electronic commenting feature, go to the Energy Commission's webpage for this facility, cited above, click on the "Submit e-Comment" link, and follow the instructions in the on-line form. Be sure to include the facility name in your comments. Once submitted, the Energy Commission Dockets Unit reviews and approves your comments, and you will receive an e-mail with a link to them.

Written comments may also be mailed or hand-delivered to:

California Energy Commission Dockets Unit, MS-4 Docket No. **88-AFC-1C** 1516 Ninth Street Sacramento, CA 95814-5512 All comments and materials filed with and approved by the Dockets Unit will be added to the facility Docket Log and become publicly accessible on the Energy Commission's webpage for the facility.

If you have questions about this notice, please contact Joseph Douglas, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 653-4677, or by fax to (916) 654-3882, or via e-mail at <u>mary.dyas@energy.ca.gov</u>.

For information on participating in the Energy Commission's review of the petition, call Alana Mathews, Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489 or (800) 822-6228 (toll-free in California) or send your e-mail to <u>publicadviser@energy.ca.gov</u>. News media inquiries should be directed to the Energy Commission Media Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail to <u>mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov</u>.

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Docket Number:	88-AFC-01C	
Project Title:	Compliance - Application for Certification for LUZ Solar Electric Generating Systems Cogeneration Unit VIII	
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## BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

LUZ SOLAR PARTNERS LTD., VIII SEGS VIII PROJECT Docket No. 88-AFC-01C

## PETITION OF LUZ SOLAR PARTNERS LTD., VIII TO TRANSFER OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE SEGS VIII PROJECT

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In the Matter of:

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### PETITION OF LUZ SOLAR PARTNERS LTD., VIII TO TRANSFER OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE SEGS VIII PROJECT

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 20, Section 1769(b) ("Section 1769(b)"), Luz Solar Partners Ltd., VIII ("SEGS VIII") submits this petition to transfer operational control of the SEGS VIII Project, a solar-thermal power plant located near the town of Hinkley in San Bernardino County, California. The decision approving the SEGS VIII Project provides that if control or ownership of the SEGS VIII Project is transferred to a new party, then SEGS VIII must provide notice to the Compliance Project Manager following the change of ownership or operation responsibility. However, SEGS VIII recently became aware of the additional requirements of Section 1769(b), and therefore is submitting this petition at this time. The information required under Section 1769(b) is provided below.

SEGS VIII is the owner of the SEGS VIII Project and the entity responsible for compliance with the Commission's conditions of certification for the SEGS VIII Project. Prior to December 28, 2017, Terra-Gen, LLC ("Terra-Gen") indirectly owned 50% of the equity interests in SEGS VIII. On December 28, 2017, subsidiaries of Terra-Gen acquired the remaining 50% of the equity interest in SEGS VIII from affiliates of NextEra Energy Resources, resulting in Terra-Gen indirectly owning 100% of SEGS VIII (the "Acquisition"). All of these transactions occurred upstream of SEGS VIII, and following the Acquisition, SEGS VIII continues to be the owner of the SEGS VIII Project and the entity responsible for compliance with the Commission's conditions of certification for the SEGS VIII Project.

Prior to the Acquisition, the SEGS VIII Project was operated by NextEra Operating Services, LLC ("NextEra Operator") pursuant to that certain Amended and Restated Operation and Maintenance Agreement dated as of January 1, 1998 between SEGS VIII and NextEra Operator, as amended (the "O&M Agreement"). In connection with the Acquisition, NextEra Operator assigned its rights and obligations under the O&M Agreement to Terra-Gen Operating Company II, LLC ("Terra-Gen Operator"). However, NextEra Operator continued to provide operations and maintenance ("O&M") services for the project on a transitional basis until March 31, 2018, at which time Terra-Gen Operator commenced providing O&M services for the SEGS VIII Project pursuant to the O&M Agreement. In connection with the assignment of the O&M Agreement, Terra-Gen Operator hired the on-site NextEra Operator employees performing O&M services for the SEGS VIII Project. It also hired a seasoned plant manager with thirty years of solar thermal experience, twelve of which were managing SEGS VIII. Because Terra-Gen Operator will be providing O&M services pursuant to the same O&M Agreement, and using primarily the same staff, no significant changes in the operation of the SEGS VIII Project are expected.

Attached as <u>Exhibit A</u> is the Declaration of Matthew W. Scobee on behalf of Terra-Gen Operator attesting that, as the operator of the SEGS VIII Project under the O&M Agreement as described above, Terra-Gen Operator understands the conditions of certification applicable to the SEGS VIII Project and agrees to comply with those conditions of certification.

SEGS VIII respectfully requests that the Commission approve this petition at its earliest opportunity.

SEGS VIII appreciates the Commission's consideration of this request.

April 30, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Thomas W. Solomon

Thomas W. Solomon Winston & Strawn LLP Attorneys for Luz Solar Partners Ltd., VIII

#### BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

### LUZ SOLAR PARTNERS LTD., VIII SEGS VIII PROJECT

Docket No. 88-AFC-01C

#### DECLARATION OF Matthew W. Scobee, Senior Vice President

I, Matthew W. Scobee, declare as follows:

- I am the Senior Vice President for Terra-Gen Operating Company II, LLC ("Terra-Gen Operator").
- Luz Solar Partners Ltd., VIII ("SEGS VIII") is the owner of the SEGS VIII Project and the holder of the Commission license to construct and operate the SEGS VIII Project.
- 3. Immediately prior to December 28, 2017, the SEGS VIII Project was operated by NextEra Operating Services, LLC ("NextEra Operator") pursuant to that certain Amended and Restated Operation and Maintenance Agreement dated as of January 1, 1998 between SEGS VIII and NextEra Operator, as amended (the "O&M Agreement").
- 4. In connection with a change in the upstream ownership of SEGS VIII, the O&M Agreement was assigned to Terra-Gen Operator on December 28, 2017. However, NextEra Operator continued to provide operations and maintenance ("O&M") services for the project on a transitional basis until March 31, 2018, at which time Terra-Gen Operator commenced providing O&M services for the SEGS VIII Project pursuant to the O&M Agreement.
- 5. In connection with the assignment of the O&M Agreement, Terra-Gen Operator hired the on-site NextEra Operator employees performing O&M services for the

SEGS VIII Project. It also hired a seasoned plant manager with thirty years of solar thermal experience, twelve of which were managing SEGS VIII.

6. I hereby attest that, as the operator of the SEGS VIII Project, Terra-Gen Operating Company II, LLC understands the Commission's conditions of certification for the SEGS VIII Project and agrees to comply with those conditions.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and accurate and that this declaration was executed at New Braunfels, Texas on April 26, 2018.

Matthew W. Achee

Matthew W. Scobee Sr. Vice President Terra-Gen Operating Company II, LLC

## NOTICE OF DECISION by the CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

To: California Resources Agency 1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 1311 Sacramento, CA 95814 From: California Energy Commission 1516 9<sup>th</sup> Street, MS-2000 Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject:Filing of Notice of Decision in compliance with Public Resources Code section<br/>21080.5 and Title 20, California Code of Regulations, section 1768

Project Name:	SEGS VIII Project			
Energy Commission Docket Number: 88-AFC-1C				
Energy Commission Contact Person: Joseph Douglas Phone #: (916) 653-4677				
Project Location:	The facility is located at 43880 Harper Lake Road, Hinkley, in San Bernardino County, California.			
Project Description:	The 80-megawatt solar trough facility was certified by the Energy Commission in its Decision on March 29, 1989, and began commercial operation in December, 1989.			
Modification Description:	The transfer the ownership of the SEGS VIII Project from Luz Partners Ltd., VIII, to Terra-Gen, LLC.			

On September 21, 2018, the California Energy Commission approved the above-described transfer of ownership pursuant to a regulatory program certified by the California Secretary of Resources under Section 21080.5 of the California Public Resources Code.

The Commission's docket files containing the Energy Commission's Final Decision and other information regarding the project are open to the public at: California Energy Commission, 1516 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, California, 95814. This information is also available on the Energy Commission's web site –

http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/pre1999\_page/index.php?xkm=ajdkha2385duhkasd1 64dsasjd5598fhajkhs

Signature

Date

Compliance Project Manager Title

Date received for filing:

**Resources:** 

## STATE OF CALIFORNIA

## STATE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

In the Matter of: )	
SEGS VIII PROJECT )	Docket No. 88-AFC-1C
)	Order No.
TERRA GEN, LLC )	ORDER APPROVING Transfer of Ownership from Luz Partners Ltd., VIII, to Terra-Gen, LLC

Luz Partners Ltd., the owner/operator of the SEGS VIII Project, located near Hinkley in San Bernardino County, has submitted a petition to amend the Energy Commission Decision in order to transfer ownership of the SEGS VIII Project from Luz Partners Ltd., VIII, to Terra-Gen, LLC. A representative of the new project owner has provided a declaration, under penalty of perjury, that Terra-Gen agrees to comply with the conditions of certification in the Energy Commission's Decision for the SEGS VIII Project.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed the petition, finds that it complies with the requirements of Title 20, section 1769 (b) of the California Code of Regulations, and recommends approval of the ownership change.

## **CONCLUSION AND ORDER**

The California Energy Commission hereby adopts the staff's recommendation and approves the transfer of ownership from Luz Partners Ltd., VIII, to Terra-Gen, LLC.

## IT IS SO ORDERED.

# **CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned Secretariat to the Commission does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California Energy Commission held on September 19, 2018.

AYE: NAY: ABSENT: ABSTAIN:

> Cody Goldthrite Secretariat